



# Maryland Agriculture Data

## Weekly Crop and Weather Report



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July 29, 2002

### Rain Showers Provide Some Relief

Precipitation finally arrived last week in Maryland, but in scattered amounts. Measurements across the state varied from less than one half inch to up to 3.5 inches in some areas. Despite the rain last week, all counties with the exception of Garrett, Allegany, and Montgomery Counties have received below average amounts of precipitation for July so far. The much needed rainfall helped crop conditions improve slightly, although more is needed to assure decent yields for soybeans and late planted corn. Farmers had an average of 5.4 **days suitable for fieldwork**.

The fruit crop is rated in mostly fair to good condition. As **apple** harvest approaches, apples are rated 76 percent good, 20 percent fair, and 4 percent poor. The **peach** harvest is 25 percent complete, 3 percent behind last year, and 1 percent ahead of the five year average. Peaches are rated 1 percent excellent, 55 percent good, 34 percent fair, and 10 percent poor.

The rain received last week helped improve topsoil. **Topsoil** rated in adequate supply increased 10 percent from the previous week. Topsoil moisture is rated 25 percent adequate, 43 percent short, and 32 percent very short. **Subsoil** moisture improved slightly with 11 percent rated in adequate supply, 37 percent short, and 52 percent very short.

**\*\*The Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service will issue the first corn and soybean yield forecasts August 12<sup>th</sup>.\*\***

### MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 28, 2002 (PERCENT)

ITEM	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 1997-2001
Harvesting Progress:				
Cantaloupes	44	34	31	40
Cucumbers	58	40	54	50
Lima beans, for processing only	15	9	36	18
Potatoes	43	33	54	63
Snap beans	62	59	55	48
Sweet Corn	52	45	34	42
Tomatoes	20	18	26	26
Watermelons	14	12	22	21
Crop Progress				
Corn, silked	74	64	65	65
Corn, dough	32	11	35	23
Sorghum, headed	10	5	29	32
Soybeans, bloomed	41	26	37	38
Soybeans, setting pods	11	4	12	16
Tobacco, bloomed	42	24	39	51
Hay Harvested:				
Other hay, 2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting	79	60	86	74
Other hay, 3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting	42	25	29	26
Alfalfa, 3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting	52	28	43	33

### CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 28, 2002 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	26	29	22	22	1
Sorghum	0	1	99	0	0
Soybeans	15	28	43	14	0
Tobacco	6	32	40	22	0
Range & Pasture	29	31	28	12	0

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